



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of: **Couto et al.**

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Examiner: **Mondesi, Robert B.**

For: **METHODS OF TANGENTIAL FLOW FILTRATION AND AN APPARATUS THEREFORE**

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY #1 TO
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

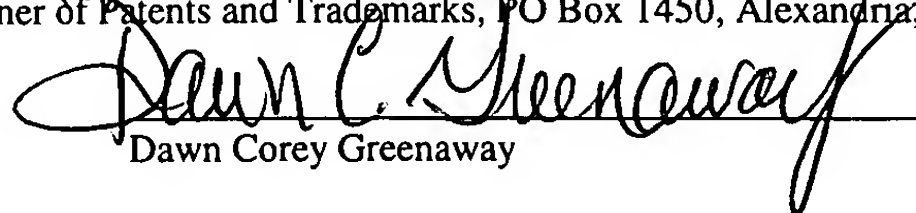
Sir:

This reply is being filed in response to the Notice of Withdrawal from Issue dated August 18, 2005. As no time deadline was given or suggested for reply or receipt of comments from Applicant, the fact that Applicant is formally responding within seven days and five business days of receipt of said Notice of Withdrawal from Issue should suffice to indicate that this Supplemental Reply is timely filed. From review of the MPEP there is no fee determined for this Reply or any amendments suggested. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to determine if a fee is due, and if so what it may be. It should be noted that the Applicants comprise a small entity for this purpose.

Further to Applicants telephone conversations with Examiner Mondesi and Examiner Mondesi's Supervisor, John Weber, Applicants submit the following in response to the Examiners' concerns and respectfully ask for consideration.

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I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited on Sept. 16, 2005 with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


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